

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A ceiling mounted lift, comprising:  
a support frame housing a drive mechanism that operates to raise and lower a lifting platen; and  
a stabilizer having a first arm and a second arm, such stabilizer disposed between the support frame and the lifting platen.
2. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, wherein the stabilizer comprises a bearing at a pivot joining the first and second arms.
3. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 2, further comprising a first hardened washer on a side of the bearing and a second hardened washer on an opposing side of the bearing.
4. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 3, wherein all movement of the stabilizer is substantially planar.
5. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, further comprising a hole in the stabilizer and a tie wrap.
6. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, wherein the drive mechanism comprises a double fabric drive roller.
7. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, further comprising a wireless transceiver that cooperates with a controller to operate the drive mechanism.
8. A home appliance center including the lift of claim 7.
9. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, further comprising a home theatre component.
10. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 9, wherein the home theatre component is at least one of a projector and a plasma screen.
11. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, further comprising a device lowered for maintenance.
12. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 11, wherein the device lowered for maintenance is at least one of a light fixture and a message board.
13. A ceiling mounted lift, comprising:  
a support frame housing a drive mechanism that operates to raise and lower a lifting platen using a fabric drive roller; and

the support frame housing sized and dimensioned to stow substantially above a ceiling surface.

14. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 13 having a side by side dimension such that the lift can be mounted between ceiling joists spaced 16 inches on center.
15. An installed ceiling mounted lift comprising the lift of claim 13 having a side by side dimension that is at least 2 inches less than a space between the ceiling joists.
16. An installed ceiling mounted lift, comprising:  
a support frame housing a drive mechanism that operates to raise and lower a lifting platen using a fabric drive roller; and  
a ceiling panel held to the lift by a spring loaded bolt.
17. A home theatre system comprising the lift of claim 1.
18. The lift of claim 16 having a lift distance of at least 50 feet.
19. The lift of claim 16 having a maximum payloads of at least 250 pounds.
20. A ceiling mounted lift sized and dimensioned to stow substantially above a ceiling surface and between joists spaced 16 inches on center.
21. A ceiling mounted lift comprising a stabilizer having a spring loaded pivot such that a first and second arms of the stabilizer are biased toward each other.

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What is claimed is:

1. A ceiling mounted lift, comprising:  
a support frame housing a double fabric panel drive assembly that operates to raise and lower a lifting platen; and  
a stabilizer having a first arm and a second arm, such stabilizer disposed between the support frame and the lifting platen.
2. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, wherein the stabilizer comprises a bearing at a pivot joining the first and second arms.
3. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 2, further comprising a first hardened washer on a side of the bearing and a second hardened washer on an opposing side of the bearing.
4. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 3, wherein all movement of the stabilizer is substantially planar.
5. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, further comprising a hole in the stabilizer and a tie wrap.
6. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, wherein the drive mechanism comprises a double fabric drive roller.
7. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, further comprising a wireless transceiver that cooperates with a controller to operate the drive mechanism.
8. A home appliance center including the lift of claim 7.
9. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, further comprising a home theatre component.
10. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 9, wherein the home theatre component is at least one of a projector and a plasma screen.
11. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, further comprising a device lowered for maintenance.
12. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 11, wherein the device lowered for maintenance is at least one of a light fixture and a message board.
13. A ceiling mounted lift, comprising:  
a support frame housing a double fabric panel drive assembly that operates to raise and lower a lifting platen using a fabric drive roller; and  
the support frame housing sized and dimensioned to stow substantially above a ceiling surface.

14. The ceiling mounted lift of claim 13 having a side by side dimension such that the lift can be mounted between ceiling joists spaced 16 inches on center.
15. An installed ceiling mounted lift comprising the lift of claim 13 having a side by side dimension that is at least 2 inches less than a space between the ceiling joists.
16. An installed ceiling mounted lift, comprising:
  - a support frame housing a drive mechanism that operates to raise and lower a lifting platen using a fabric drive roller; and
  - a ceiling panel held to the lift by a spring loaded bolt.
17. A home theatre system comprising the lift of claim 1.
18. The lift of claim 16 having a lift distance of at least 50 feet.
19. The lift of claim 16 having a maximum payloads of at least 250 pounds.
20. A ceiling mounted lift having a double fabric panel drive assembly wherein such lift is sized and dimensioned to stow substantially above a ceiling surface and between joists spaced 16 inches on center.
21. A ceiling mounted lift having a double fabric panel drive assembly, such lift comprising a stabilizer having a spring loaded pivot such that a first and second arms of the stabilizer are biased toward each other.